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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: KHMER
CREDENTIALS

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1. AS YET NO INDICATION GRUNK WILL ATTEMPT PRESENT CREDENTIALS IN FINAL TWO DAYS GENERAL CONFERENCE. CONVERSATION WITH JAPANESE DEL. CONFIRMS NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF ANY GRUNK EFFORT. IF GRUNK DO NOT SURFACE, KHMER WILL PROBABLY NOT ATTEMPT PRESENT CREDENTIALS AND RISK OPENING PANDORA'S BOX.

2. HOWEVER, POSSIBILITIES MISCHIEF ARE OMINOUS. CHAIRMAN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, AN AFGHAN, PERSONALLY FRIENDLY BUT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT GENERAL CONFERENCE HUNGARIAN. THEREFORE, POSSIBLE UNDER RULES FOR CHAIRMAN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
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TO SIMPLY ANNOUNCE RECEIPT OF CREDENTIALS AND

RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE. IN A VOTE RESULTS WOULD BE SAME AS IT HAD BEEN TAKEN AT OPENING OF CONFERENCE, GRUNK WOULD WIN. WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR US HAVE ANY ADVANCED WARNING IF THIS TACTIC USED. KHMER WOULD IMMEDIATELY PRESENT ITS CREDENTIALS, SO IN EFFECT VOTE WOULD DECIDE BETWEEN THE TWO. SO LONG AS ISSUE UN-DECIDED AT UN, HOPEFUL POSSIBILITY IS THAT GRUNK WILL NOT PRESS ISSUE HERE. KHMER DES. HAVE BEEN DILIGENTLY SITTING IN THEIR ASSIGNED SEATS IN PLENARY AND ALL COMMITTEES.

3. RECENT DEFECTION MEMBER KHMER DELEGATION WEAKENED KHMER DEL. WHICH WAS NEVER WELL ORGANIZED. IN VIEW THIS OBVIOUSLY POOR SECURITY SITUATION, PERMREP HAS AVOIDED DIRECT DISCUSSION THIS ISSUE WITH KHMER AND PREFERS WORK IN COLLABORATION JAPANESE. KHMER HAVE NOT MADE ANY DIRECT CONTACT WITH US DEL. THIS ISSUE IN RECENT WEEKS.

4. FINAL POSSIBILITY IS THAT MEETING UNESCO EXBD SCHEDULED NOV. 25 AND 26 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GRUNK MAY BE ADDED AS NEW AGENDA ITEM. THIS PROCEDURE FOLLOWED WHEN CHINA VOTED INTO UN. ALTHOUGH SUCH PROCEDURE NOT REALLY IN COMPETENCE EXBD, WILL NOT STOP EFFORT BEING MADE.

5. GENERAL CONFERENCE SOMEWHAT BEHIND SCHEDULE; PERMITTING NEW CONTROVERSY THIS LATE DATE WILL NOT SET WITH TIRED, EDGY DELEGATES. PARTICULARLY AS JERUSALEM, ISRAEL ISSUE COMES UP THIS AFTERNOON AND FLOOD OF RESOLUTIONS ON PEACE, SOUTH AFRICA, PALESTINE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND UNESCO REGIONAL GROUPS STILL TO BE ACTED ON IN FINAL PLENARY. SHEER PRESSURE OF TIME MAY WORK AGAINST INTRODUCTION ANOTHER POLITICAL CONTROVERSY.
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